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To be

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Within the several Parishes of the
Diocess of CARLISLE

In the

PRIMARY and METROPOLITICAL VISITATION

Of the most Reverend *FATHER* in *GOD*,

JOHN

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By Divine Providence, Lord Arch-Bishop of

YORK

Held Anno DOM. 1693.



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Articles of Visitation and Inquiry within the Diocese of Carlisle, 1693.

TITUL I.

*Concerning Churches, Chappels Church or Chap-
pel-Yards, their Ornaments, Uterfils, and
other things thereunto belonging.*



Is your Church, or Chappel, Consecrated to the Worship of GOD, and decently kept, separate from all prophane and common Uses? Are the Roof, Walls, Pavements, and Windows thereof, as also of your Chancel, in good and sufficient Repair? Are the Ten Commandements, Lords Prayer and the Creed, drawn out in fair Letters, and the Kings Arms decently set up in convenient Places? Are the Bells and Ropes, and Bell-frames, thereof in good condition, and fit for publick use? Is no School Taught therein?

II. Have you made any Assessments for the Reparation of your Church, and other things relating thereto? And are there any Parishioners or others, obliged to Contribute that refuse to pay the Proportion, Assessed on them? You must present all such.

III. Have you a Font of Stone decently covered, standing towards the lower end of the Church for the Administration of *Baptism*? Have you a decent Communion Table, covered in the time of Divine Service, with a Carpet of Silk or other Stuffe meet for that purpose, and with a fair Linnen Cloth at the time of Administration; Is it so placed that the Parishioners may most conveniently come to Communicate with the Minister? And have you a handsome Cup of Silver for the Wine with a Cover for the same, and a Pattin to put the Bread on: And have you one or more Flaggons of Pewter, or better Mettle, and all other things necessary for the Celebration of Divine Service and Administration of the Sacraments? As also a decent Bason to receive Alms for the Poor, and other Devotions of the People.

IV. Are your Reading-Desk, and Pulpit conveniently set up and placed for the Use of Publick Prayer and Preaching? And hath your Pulpit-desk a Cushion or Covering fit thereto? And are the Seats for the Parishioners decent and uniform? Are there none Irregularly built to the prejudice of others or defacing the Church? Are your Parishioners Placed in them without offence, or contention? If not name the particulars.

V. Have you in your Church or Chappel two Books of Common Prayer of the largest Volume set forth in the Year 1662. One for the Minister, the other for the Clarke; both well and substantially Bound? And have you the Bible in Folio fairly bound of King *James* his Translation, the two Books of Homilies set forth by Authority, a Book of Canons, and the Book of the 39 Articles of Religion? Have you also a decent Surplice, one or more, as there is need, for your Parson, Vicar, Curate, or Lecturer (if you have any) to wear in time of publick Ministration?

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VI. Have you a Book of Parchment, wherein be Registred the Christnings, Marriages, and Burials in your Parish, and another of Paper wherein to Note the Names of strange Preachers, according to the Injunction of the 52. *Canon*? And are they Registred therein accordingly? Was there a Copy of such Registers exhibited into the *Consistory Court* of the Arch-Bishop, according to the 70th. *Canon*? Have you a Book wherein to write down the Church-wardens Accounts, and such Sums of Moneys, as are Collected upon any *Briefs*? Have you a strong Chest with three Locks, wherein to preserve your Church Furniture and these Books, and a Box conveniently placed, for receiving and securing Almes given by Charitable Persons, towards Relief of the Poor? And have you the Table of Degrees prohibited in Marriage set forth in 1563. And so placed in your Church that any one may come to Read them? Are the House and out-Houses of your Minister in good and sufficient Repair? Doth He preserve the Gardens and Gleab thereto belonging, without Selling, Wasting, Changing, or any way damnifying the same? Have any of your ancient Gleab Lands belonging to your Parsonage or Vicarage been exchanged? Upon what terms? Whether to the benefit or dammage of your Church.

VII. Have you a perfect Terrier or Survey of the Houses, Tenements, Cottages, Out-houses, Gardens, Orchards, Meadows and other Lands and Gleab belonging to your Parsonage or Vicarage, setting forth their Buttings and Boundings? Likewise an Inventory or true note of all such portions of Tithes, Rents Pensions or other Emoluments, as belong to your Church or Chappel? Are they safely kept? Where and by whom? Are true Copys thereof transmitted into the Bishops Registry, there to be preserved? If not let it be done with all convenient

venient speed signed by the Minister, Church-wardens, and other able Parishmoners, and brought to the Visitations.

VIII. Hath any Augmentation been made to your Vicarage or Curacy by any Arch-Bishop, Bishop, Dean and Chapter, Prebendary, or other Ecclesiasticall persons, upon their renewing the Lease of the Rectory, or Tithes Improprate, or Appropriate? Are the said augmentations duly paid? Or after once paid, have they or any of them been detained or with-held? Are the Leases or Grants, whereon such augmentations are made, or the substance of the agreement for the same (though not exprest or mentioned in the said Lease or Grant) fairly entred in a Book of Parchment, and kept by the Register of the respective Bishop, or Dean and Chapter according to an Act of Parliament made in the 29th. Year of the Reign of King *Charles* the second, *Intituled An Act for confirming and perpetuating Augmentations.*

IX. Are there any Hospitals, Almes-houses or Schools publicly Indowed, within your Parish? If any such. Are they governed according to the true intent of the Founders, and the Revenues thereof managed with care and Faithfulness? Is there any Pension Stipend or Gifts made to Pious and Charitable uses, detained or misemployed within your Parish, And by whom?

X. Is the Church-yard decently kept, well Fenced to keep out Swine and other noysome Cattel, and no Encroachment made thereupon by Building or otherwise? And are there no Excommunicated Persons suffered to be Buried in your Church or Church-yard? You must Present all such Offences and Defects as are here Inquired of: And if you be Chappel-wardens, you must Present all such defects respectively as are in your Chappel or Chappel Yard.

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TITUL. II.

*Inquiries about the Parson, Vicar,
Curate, or Lecturer.*

IS your Minister, Lecturer, or Curate (to the best of your observation) a man of sober, chaste, just, and unblameable Life? Doth he use Canonical, modest, and decent Apparel, according to his ability? Doth he resort (without just cause) to Taverns, or Alehouses, or give himselfe to any base or servile labour, or to drinking, or spending his time idly by day or night, in playing at Dice, Cards, Tables, or other unlawful games? Doth He (so far as you know or have heard) make any Clandestine Marriages, either without Banes thrice published, or Lychense lawfully obtained in that behalf, or at undue times, that is, before Eight, or after Twelve of the Clock in the Morning, or in undue Places Celebrate the same, that is in any other Place then the Parish Church, or Chappel? Doth he (having convenient warning given) refuse to bury the Dead at usual times, according to the Order prescribed by the Book of *Common-Prayer*? And doth he bury any that dye unbaptized, or be Excommunicate, or have laid violent hands upon themselves, with that Office? And doth, or hath he made false Certificates of the performance of Pennances or Declarations? Present what you know or have heard thereof.

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II. Doth your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, read the Office of *Common Prayer*, without Omissions or Alterations at the accustomed hours of *Morning* and *Evening* service, on *Sundays*, and Holy-days, and the *Litany* on *Wednesdays* and *Frydays*? And doth he wear the Surplice while he performs those or other Offices as directed in the *Common-Prayer-Book*? And doth he in time of Divine Service upon Sundays, bid such Holy-days, and Fasting-days appointed by the Church, as shall happen the week following? Doth he also observe the days of Fasting and Thanksgiving appointed by Authority, and read the Service enjoyned on those days? And doth he read such Occasional Prayers as are by Authority ordered to be inserted into the dayly Offices? And doth he keep yearly Perambulations in *Rogation* week? Doth he preach a Sermon every Sunday, or procure a Sermon then to be preached? Or else sometimes read one of the Homilies, which the Church hath appointed? And doth he Preach in his Gown, and before his Sermons, Homilies, or Lectures, pray for the whole Catholick Church the King and Queen's most excellent Majesties and others according as it is directed by the 55th. *Canon*, For bidding of Prayer?

III. Doth your Minister diligently in the Church instruct, and examine the Youth and Ignorant persons of your Parish in the Catechism set forth in the Book of *Common-Prayer*? And do all Fathers and Mothers, Masters and Mistresses, cause their Children, Servants, and Apprentices, which have not learned the Catechism, to come to the Church at the time appointed obediently to hear, and to be ordered by your said Minister until they have learned the same? And doth your Minister (to the end the People may the better understand, and be more thoroughly acquainted with the Doctrine and Discipline of the Church of *England*) publicly read over, unto the people

People the Book of *Canons* at least once, and the 39 *Articles* twice every Year.

IV. Doth your Minister Celebrate the Lords Supper in the Church, according to the Office prescribed in the *Common-Prayer-Book* so often every Year, as that the Parishioners may receive three times Yearly at the least, whereof *Easter* to be one? Doth he Baptize such Infants of his Parish according to the *Common-Prayer-Book* (upon warning given before) as are brought on Sundays, or Holy-days to the Church with God-fathers, and God-mothers? Doth he Baptize Infants at home in case of danger and necessity, and not otherwise? Doth he visit the Sick at their houses, when upon lawful Summons he is required thereto? Doth he give them the Holy Communion, if duly prepared for it, and desirous of it, and do all such other pious duties as the State of the Sick Person requires? And doth he exhort them to brotherly Love, and Works of Charity, and (if they be able) to bequeath a portion to pious uses?

V. Doth your Parson or Vicar keep a Curate? is he of a good lite, and accounted of sufficient learning? is he allowed by the Bishop; and can you tell whether the said Curate have a Competent allowance according to the Value of the Living? Declare your knowledge herein. Doth your Parish maintain a Lecturer? Is he Licensed by the Bishop? Doth he read the Divine Service of *Common-Prayer*, the First Lecture-day of every month, wearing a Surplice, and is he present at Divine Service every other Lecture-day? And doth any who is not a Deacon at least (Episcopally ordained) presume to read the *Common-Prayer* in your Church or Chappel, or to Baptize Publickly or privately, or to assist in the Administration of the holy *Communion*, or take upon him to Preach or Expound the holy Scripture in your Church or Chappel? If the Parson, Vicar, Curate, or Lecturer fail of their Duty in any of these Inquiries

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above-mentioned; You are to Present him or them so offending.

VI. Have you within your Parish any Assembly of Persons for Religious Worship, dissenting from the Church of England? How many such Assemblies have you? Are the Doors Locked, Barred, or Bolted during any time of such meeting?

VII. Hath the Preachers, or Teachers in such Congregations taken the Oaths mentioned in the *Statute* made in the first Year of their present Majesties King William and Queen Mary: Intituled, *An Act for removing, and preventing all Questions and Disputes, concerning the Assembling and sitting of that Parliament*. Have they also made and Subscribed the *Declaration* mentioned in a *Statute* made in the 30th. Year of the Reign of King Charles the Second, Intituled, *An Act to prevent Papists from Sitting in either House of Parliament*; Inquire thereof and tell your knowledge; Have such Preachers or Teachers, being in holy Orders, or pretending to holy Holy Orders, declared their approbation of, and Subscribed the *Articles of Religion* mentioned in the *Statute* made in the 13th. Year of the Reign of the late Queen Elizabeth; Except the 34th. 35th. and 36th. and these words of the 20th. Article, *viz. [The Church hath power to Decree Rights or Ceremonies, and Authority in Cotroversies of Faith; and yet?]* And also except part of the 27th. Article touching Infant Baptism?

VIII. Doe any of the Persons frequenting such Assemblies, refuse to perform or pay their parochial Duties, or any other Dues belonging to the Church, or Minister? Do any such Dissenting Persons, being chosen Churchwardens, or into any Ecclesiastical Office, refuse to undertake the same? If so, do they provide a sufficient Deputy that doth comply with the Laws on this behalf, such Deputys being allowed and approved, by such Person or persons, in such manner as such Officer and Officers

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ters, respectively should by Law have been allowed, and approved?

IX. Is the Place of meeting for Religious Worship (if there be any such within your Parish) permitted or allowed by the late Act of Parliament: *Intituled An Act for Exempting their Majesties Protestant Subjects Dissenting from the Church of England, from the Penalties of certain Laws*; certified to the Bishop of the Diocels, or to the Arch-Deacon of your Arch-Deaconry, or to the Justices of the Peace at the General or quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County, City, or place in which such meeting is held, and Registred in the said Bishops or Arch-Deacons Court respectively, or Recorded at the said General or quarter Sessions? Inquire, and answer accordingly.

TITUL. III.

Inquiries about the Parishioners.

DOe all your Parishioners of due Age resort to Divine Service and Sermons in your Church on Sundays and Holy-days if they be not reasonably letted) whom do you observe willfully, negligently, or causelessly to absent themselves, or not to come to Church ordinarily till the latter end of the Service, or when it is ended (other then such as are Dissenters, and goe to some Congregation or Assembly of Religious Worship Allowed or permitted by the *Act of Parliament* afore mentioned) and that do refuse to receive the holy Sacrament of the Lords Supper at times appointed by the Law? Or what persons do you observe who do not bring their Children to be Baptized, or what Women (being safely delivered from the pains and perils of Child-birth) do refuse to return Thanks according to the Order of the Church?

II. Do they or any of their Servants Occupy themselves unnecessarily in the servile Work of their ordinary Callings on Sundays? Do they open their Shops, or sell

any Wares on those days? Do Vintners, Victuallers, Innkeepers or others receive any into their Houles, to tipple or wast their time Idlely on those days, especially in time of Divine Service, except they be Travellers that are in their Journey upon necessary occasions? Present all such.

III. Do your Parishioners in time of Divine Service, Sermon or Homily, behave themselves Reverently, Men and Youths with their Hattsoff, both Sexes giving due attention, none disturbing holy Duties, by talking, walking, removeing, going out, by rude gestures, and postures or giving any other Offence?

IV. Have any within your parish been Married without Banes thrice asked, or lawful Licence in that behalf obtain'd? What Marriages have been Solemnized out of your Church at unlawful hours or in unlawful places? Or what Persons being Married have committed or been guilty of Fornication before Marriage? Declare what you know herein, such are to be presented as are known or much suspected to be Incestuous, or Married within Incestuous, or prohibited degrees of Blood, Likewise you ought to present Adulterers, Fornicators, Blasphemers, common Swearers, Drunkards, Sorcerers or resorters to Sorcerers Railers, Unclean and filthy talkers, Sowers of strife or discord, do you present all such, or those who are defamed, or suspected of such Crimes.

T I T U L. IV.

Inquires about Church Officers and other Persons.

I. **D**O your Parish Clark, and Sexton (if you have one) do the Duties of their Office decently and diligently, and with respect and Obedience towards the Minister? Are they of honest Life and conversation? Is your Parish Clark duly, chosen by the Minister, and
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Lycensed by the Ordinary? Is he Aged Twenty Years? Can he write and Read? Doth he orderly make Responses As required in the Service.

II. Is the Master of your Free-School, or any other School in your Parish Lycensed by the Ordinary, and meet for that Office, as well for his Sober and honest Conversation, as for his Learning dexterity and Soundness, in the true Religion? Doth he Examine and Instruct his Schollers in the Catechism set forth in the Common-Prayer? Doth he both himself diligently repaire to the Church upon Sundays and Holy-days, and also see that his Schollars do the like, and that they behave themselves quietly and soberly during all the time of Divine Service, and Sermon? Doth any School-master or other person, Instruct or teach Youth in any private House or Family, being not Lycensed, or not Repairing to the Church as aforesaid.

III Do any in your Parish Practise *Physick*, or *Chyrurgery*, or any Woman take upon her to exercise the Office of a *Mid-Wife*, without approbation and Lycense from the Ordinary?

IV. Are your Church-wardens and Side-men chosen according to the 80th. and 90th. Canon? Do they not continue in their place longer then a Year, except they be chosen again? Do your Church-wardens duly make Assessments for the necessary uses of the Church, and immediatly before the expiration of their Office, and their Successors entering thereupon, or within a month after, at the most, before the Minister and the Parishioners give up a just Account of all such Moneys as they have received, and also what particularly they have bestowed in reparations, and otherways for the use of the Church and truly deliver up to the Parishioners whatsoever Moneys or other things of Right belonging to the Church or Parish remain in their hands, upon the said Account, that they may be delivered over by them

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V. Do both the Church-wardens and side-men diligently see that all the Parishioners duely resort to their Church upon Sundays and Holy-days, and there continue the whole time of Divine-service, and that none walk or stand idly, or talk in or about the Church during that time ? Do they admonish such as are negligent (and if they reform not) present them to the Ordinary ?

Do they against every *Communion* appointed in your Church or Chappel, provide a sufficient quantity of fine White bread and of good Wine according to the number of *Communicants* ? And do they or other fit persons appointed for that purpose, whilst the priest is reading the Sentences for the Offertory, gather and receive the Alms for the poor, and other devotions of the people in a decent Basin, to be provided by the Parish, and bring it to the Priest, who shall humbly present and place it upon the Table ? Are such Alms disposed of to pious and Charitable uses as the Minister and Church-Wardens shall think fit, otherwise as the Ordinary shall appoint ?

Do they cause all Strangers that Preach in your Church or Chappel to subscribe their Names the same day in a Book provided for that purpose ? Together with the Name of the Bishop that Licens'd them to Preach in his *Diocefs* ? And do they permit none other to Preach ?

Are there any Deceased in your Parish whose Last Wills and Testaments have not been yet proved ? Or if they dyed Intestate, who hath Administr'd upon their goods ? And by what Authority ? Whether have the Commissary, Official, or any other Judge of your Peculiar Jurisdiction since the 24th. day of March last past, proved any Wills or Testaments, granted any Administration of any persons Goods dying Intestate ? Committed any Tuition of Infants or Minors, or exercised any

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An Advertisement.

THe Church-wardens and Side-men of every Parish after they have receiv'd a Copy of these Articles, are to call in the Assistance of their Minister and with him to read them over Carefully and Deliberately; and then to examin the State of their Parish as to all the things that are there Inquired of. Such particulars as upon this Examination they shall find to be amiss and to need reforming; they are to set down in writeing together with the Names of the Offenders, and this without Fear or Favour, minding only the Glory of God and the good of his Church. Which account or presentment so written they are to bring to the Visitation and deliver up under their Hands and upon their Oaths.

The Rector, Vicar, or Curate, of every Parish may joyn with the Church-Wardens and Side-men in presenting Offences; and in case the Church-wardens neglect or refuse to do their Duty in this matter they may present alone, and it will become them so to do, as being chiefly intrusted with the care of reforming abuses within their Parish. Vide Canon 113.

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The Visitation to B. Holden

The Cathedral Church of
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The Church-wardens are desired to bring to the Visitation, what Briefs they have Collected.

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